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December 27, 1978

REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Don W. Fullmer 2563 North 250 West Sunset, Utah 84015

Re: Koosharem Clay Pit
Piute County, Utah
ACT/031/002
ML-27110 and ML-27206

Dear Mr. Fullmer:

The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining has been notified of Interstate Brick's termination of operations at the Koosharem Clay Pit in Piute County, the subsequent partial reclamation, and their release from further obligations by the U.S. Forest Service.

The reclamation work performed by Interstate Brick is acceptable to the Division in light of the fact that a substantial clay deposit still remains, and it is your intention to locate a new operator and continue mining the deposit. However, a few misunderstandings seem to have arisen which we wish to clarify. First of all, the Division was not fully informed and consulted concerning the details of the reclamation work. Second, the operation involved both Federal and State land ownership. Representatives of the U.S. Forest Service do not have authority to release an operator from his obligations concerning State land. The reclamation bond for the entire operation was held by the Forest Service to avoid double-bonding by the operator.

Both the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining and the Division of State Lands requires that a bond be posted by you, as the lessee, while operations are temporarily suspended to cover total reclamation of the area involving State land, approximately seven (7) acres in Section 2, Township 27 South, Range 2 West. The Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining has estimated a reclamation surety in the amount of \$4,548.00 to be held by the Division of State Lands. This amount also represents approximately 46 percent of both the total area involved and the original \$10,000 bond posted with the U.S. Forest Service. If the operation has not resumed within a reasonable time period, you will be responsible for performing total reclamation of the disturbed area involving State land. We feel that a reasonable time period in this case is two (2) years.

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When you have located a new operator please be sure that a new mining and reclamation plan is filed with the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining prior to commencing any activity. Your cooperation in resolving this matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact this office or the Division of State Lands. A copy of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.

RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST

JWS/sp

cc: John Blake, State Lands

enc: Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act Bond Estimate